

NOTICE INVITING WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Air Pollution Control Officer of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has made a preliminary decision to issue Interchangeable Emission Reduction Credits to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (application 22504) due to the permanent nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emission reduction at the following sources:

S-3 Boiler No. 3 Electric Generation, Babcock and Wilcox, gas and oil fired, 670 MMBTU/hr heat input.

S-4 Boiler No. 4 Electric Generation, Babcock and Wilcox, gas and oil fired, 670 MMBTU/hr heat input.

S-5 Boiler No. 5 Electric Generation, Babcock and Wilcox, gas and oil fired, 670 MMBTU/hr heat input.

S-6 Boiler No. 6 Electric Generation, Babcock and Wilcox, gas and oil fired, 670 MMBTU/hr heat input.

S-7 Boiler No. 7 Electric Generation, Combustion Engineering, gas and oil fired, 1,720 MMBTU/hr heat input.

Located at: **1000 Evans Street
San Francisco, CA 94124**

As a result of this emission reduction, the following Interchangeable Emission Reduction Credits will be issued to Pacific Gas and Electric Company:

Credit Generation Period January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997
Effective date: January 1, 1998, expiration date: December 31, 2002
IERC₁ = 409.5 tons NO_x

Credit Generation Period January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998
Effective date: January 1, 1999, expiration date: December 31, 2003
IERC₂ = 455.3 tons NO_x

Credit Generation Period January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999
Effective date: January 1, 2000, expiration date: December 31, 2004
IERC₃ = 262.7 tons NO_x

The emission reductions are the result of low NO_x boiler modifications and improved operating and maintenance. The NO_x emission reductions have been adjusted to allow only those reductions that exceed the Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) requirements of District Regulation 9, Rule 11 (Nitrogen Oxides and Carbon Monoxide from Utility Electric Power Generating Boilers).

Staff indicate that all District Regulatory requirements governing the issuance of this certificate have been met.

The Air Pollution Control officer invites public comments on the above application and the intended actions indicated by **February 6, 2001**.

Final Action on the issuance of this Certificate will not be taken until all comments are considered.

The permit application which includes the engineering evaluation is available for public inspection at the District Headquarters, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109 in the Public Information Office located on the 5th Floor. Comments should be directed to the District's Permit Services Division located on the 3rd floor.

Dated at San Francisco December 29, 2000

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Bay Area Air Quality Management District